

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph bridging pages 4-5 with the amended paragraph as follows:

The ply N shown in Fig. 2 differs from the ply in Fig. 1 mainly in the following respects:

- the layers of lining mixture M_1 , M_2 respectively under the lower generatrices of the elements E_1 in the upper layer C_1 and over the upper generatrices of the elements $[[E_1]]$ E_2 in the lower layer C_2 , do not exist, so that the said elements E_1 are in direct contact with the layer of lining mixture M_3 ,
- while the metallic elements E_1 are of the same nature and structure as the elements of Fig. 1, in contrast, the textile elements E_3 in the case described and shown in Fig. 2 are textile cables of aromatic polyamide, which by their constitution are more flexible than monofilaments and, for essentially equal diameters and under the influence of the pressure exerted by the two calendar rolls used to produce the ply, allow interpenetration of the metallic elements E_1 with a consequent reduction of the thickness of the ply N and the appearance of an undulating shape for the intermediate layer C_3 .

Replace the last full paragraph on page 6 with the amended paragraph as follows:

The machinery required for the production of a ply according to the invention is simple and known in itself. Referring to Fig. 4, the third layer C_3 is prefabricated by introducing simultaneously between two rolls 104 and 105 of a calender on the one

hand a row of textile elements E_3 wound on a bobbin 101 and on the other hand two layers or sheets of lining mixture M_3 . From the rolls 104 and 105 emerges the layer C_3 , which is then cut on a cutter 106, in the case described perpendicularly to the calendaring direction which is the direction of the elements E_3 . The strips obtained are then joined on a joining machine 107 to a form of layer C_3 whose elements are perpendicular to the calendaring direction on the calender 104, 105, the said layer C_3 being wound into a bobbin 110. At the same time as the metallic elements E_1 , E_2 (wound on the bobbins 109 and 111) and as the layers of calendaring mixture M_1 , M_2 emerging from the rollers 113 and 114, the said bobbin 110 feeds a calender formed mainly of the rolls 115 and 116, from which emerges the ply N which is then wound onto the roll 117.